

MENDON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MINUTES OF MEETING----- May 6, 2013

APPROVED----- May 21, 2013

Chairman Ammendolia and Selectmen Goddard & Tinio are present.

Chairman Ammendolia called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. and led the pledge.

Harvey Trask and Officer Walckner joined the Selectmen to discuss his issue with Powers Road. Selectman Tinio met with Mr. MacDonald and had a site visit. Officers Walkner and Bettencourt performed a site visit. Powers Road is a dirt road/path and has been moved since it was created. A leach field was approved and installed legally but is in the path of the dirt road. Selectman Tinio said he wants to run it by town counsel. Mr. Trask distributed background documentation. He believes the road has been abandoned not discontinued. A discontinued road needs to be deemed such by selectmen's vote. A hen house and horse corral are in the roadway. Harvey would like road cleared and leach field staked out so he can cross and go around the leach field to get his wood. The MacDonalds said they put the obstructions up so no one would drive over the field. Deeds show that owners' of real estate own halfway into the road from their sides of their property. *Action: Selectman Tinio will follow up with town counsel.*

Linda Hawkes approached the board to discuss the Finance Clerk leaving her position. Linda needs to advertise the position. Funding is in the budget for the 18-hour position. She plans to post in the Town Hall for 10 days. An advertisement will also be put in the paper. The part-time person who was covering during the medical leave cannot cover this office for her 9 hours. Members discussed hiring a more generic clerk. Selectman Tinio explained that the virtual server is being rebuilt this week to alleviate existing problems. *Action: Selectman Goddard will to work with Linda on a job description and advertise for a Financial Assistant/Clerk.*

Chief Horn joined the board. Chairman Goddard announced that Ernest Horn is now a licensed attorney in the state of Massachusetts. He is looking to appoint an officer to replace someone who will be on military duty for a year beginning June 1. This individual is not eligible for the Quinn Bill and does not need health benefits. Chairman Ammendolia pointed out they are not seeking only those who do not qualify for Quinn Bill. **Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to appoint Christopher M. Dumas as a full-time police officer effective June 1, 2013 with a pay rate of step one, \$23.02. The motion carried unanimously.** Chief Horn explained the second officer he would like to hire for July 1 is from Mendon. He is working part time as a call Fire Fighter. He will need to go to the academy in July for six months. **Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to appoint Matt Pichel as a full-time police officer effective July 1, 2013 with a pay rate of step one, \$23.0273. The rate of pay will be adjusted during his time at the academy per the contract. The motion carried unanimously.** Mr. Schofield noted that the Finance Committee has not

voted on this; however, as an individual, he supports this. Chief Horn believes he will need a family plan for health benefits. Chief Horn would also like to have some support staff back.

Selectmen agree that a for-sale sign can be put on the tanker truck. Selectman Tinio will see if Tinio Corp. would be interested.

Bill Ambrosino joined the Selectmen. CMRPC worked through the contract for the Master Plan \$35,000 given to the Town from Cook's Crossing developer. Selectman Tinio signed the contract but will have town counsel's approval before releasing it. *Action: D. Willoughby to have town counsel look at it.*

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to allow the Town of Mendon to enter into a contract with CMRPC to create a Master Plan in the amount of \$35,270.00 with approval from Town Counsel. The \$35,270 is coming is coming out CPA Funds. **The motion carried unanimously.** Bill Ambrosino asked about Selectmen's stand on e-permitting. Selectman Tinio said anything that has financial ramifications need to be forwarded to the Finance Committee. The town is also looking at electronic mapping. Members discussed looking at Virtual Town Hall for the town's web site needs. **Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to appoint Kathy Schofield of 135 Blackstone Street to the Master Planning Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Ambrosino said a new round of zoning by-law review meetings is beginning. BOS members agreed to hold a by-law Special Town Meeting in early September. They will determine a date at an upcoming meeting. Selectman Tinio suggested zoning-by-law meetings should be held in upper town hall so they can be televised. <Recess while DVD is changed>

Members discussed changing terms of Taft Library Building Committee members. *Action: D. Willoughby to invite the Chairman to next meeting to discuss.*

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion appoint Robin Fletcher of 5 Leonard Road as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves effective March 21, 2013 for a term to expire June 30, 2013. Chairman Ammendolia read Mr. Fletcher's letter of interest. **The motion carried unanimously.** *Action: D. Willoughby to ask Mr. Fletcher if hand written notes can be put in town's archives.*

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to allow the Mendon Lion's Club to hold a toll road at the intersection of Route 16 and North Avenue Saturday, May 18, 2013. *Action: D. Willoughby to ask if there is a specific destination for the funds.* **Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to amend to that as an alternative or an additional location the intersection of Route 140 and Hartford Ave. Public Safety must be notified of the decision. The motions carried unanimously.**

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to allow the Mendon Lion's Club to sponsor a circus on the town-owned "Fino Property" on Route 16, Saturday, June 25, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to allow Keith G. Mondley owner of Stop & Save, to put his Class II license on hold which will allow him to not have to re-apply for a Class II license next year. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board will meet May 21, set meetings for June and discuss haying fields.

There is a dog hearing scheduled for May 29. *Action: D. Willoughby to give BOS documents needed.*

R. Skinner mentioned that if video streaming is used, there is a need for an operator to turn switch on and off. Mike Watson agreed to operate system when Dick is not able.

Resident Mike Watson is concerned with people driving through yellow lights at center of town. Selectman Tinio said that with the development of the property at the intersection, redoing lights could be addressed. It may also be part of the Planning Board's process. Intersection improvement had been on a list with the State but has now come off since the property was likely to be developed for a gas station.

Mr. Schofield thanked everyone who participated in town cleanup.

Members asked audience to leave to discuss scholarships, if no one objected, in order to keep scholarship winners a surprise. They will adjourn the meeting following those votes and go into Executive

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to award the (A.N.P.) Good Citizenship Scholarships for a Mendon BVT Student to AJ Bottoms & Samantha Morin. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to award the Nipmuc Excellence in Government Scholarships to Liam Egan & Michaela Sweet The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to award the Nipmuc Male Good Citizenship Scholarships to William Kelley and Tyler Peabody. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to award the Nipmuc Female Good Citizenship Scholarships to Megan Brady and Selena Gavin. The motion carried unanimously.

Action: D. Willoughby to set up meeting between Selectman Tinio, Dispatch & Fire Fighters Unions this week or next whenever unions are available.

Selectman Tinio made and Selectman Goddard seconded a motion to enter into executive session under M. G. L. c 30A, Sec. 21 (3) to discuss strategy relating to collective bargaining with the Mendon Permanent Fire Fighters Union, Town Hall Union and Mendon Police Civilian's Employees Association. They will reconvene only to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ammendolia adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Willoughby". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Diane Willoughby
Administrative Assistant

Documents Discussed Located in the 'Administrative Secretary's' Office:

Mr. Trasks's Documents: Letter dated August 26, 1976 from the Worcester County Engineering Department to Helen Gibson, Town Clerk; Town Boundary Survey, Hopedale-Mendon 29/Mendon-Upton 1-2; Chapter 86, Boundaries of Highways and Other Public Places and Encroachments; Letter from Rosen, Noferi & Noferi dated October 26, 1981 to Mr. Powers; Letter from Harvey J. Trask, P.C. dated March 21, 2013 to the Mendon Police Department and Quitclaim Deed, Book 47896 Page 232, Worcester District ROD #20 001 Agreement by and between the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission and the Town of Mendon, "Mendon Master Plan"
Letter from Robin Fletcher dated May 1, 2013